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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON AMOCO TALKS

1. THE SECRETARY HAS APPROVED THE PRESS GUIDANCE IN
PARA 2 BELOW FOR USE IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES REGARDING
THE TALKS WITH THE ISRAELIS IN WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 16-
17. THE ISRAELIS WILL BE USING THE SAME GUIDANCE, AND
THEY HAVE AGREED WITH US THAT WE SHOULD BOTH ADHERE
STRICTLY TO THIS LINE WITHOUT ELABORATION AND BACK-
GROUNDING OF ANY KIND.

2. QUOTE: ON SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17 UNDER SECRETARY HABIB
AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON HELD TALKS WITH
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AMBASSADOR DINITZ AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL EVRON OF THE
ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY ON QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE
ACTIVITIES OF ANDAMERICAN OIL COMPANY IN THE GULF OF SUEZ.
THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WAS USEFUL IN CLARIFYING THE
SITUATION. EXCHANGES ON THE SUBJECT WILL CONTINUE THROUGH

DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

QUESTION: WHAT ARE THE POINTS ON WHICH THERE ARE DIFFERENCES?

ANSWER: WE DO NOT WANT TO GO INTO THE DETAILS OF MATTERS

WHICH ARE STILL UNDER DISCUSSION.

QUESTION: ARE THE TALKS CONTINUING WITH THIS VISITING ISRAELI GROUP?

ANSWER: NO, AS I SAID, EXCHANGES WILL CONTINUE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

QUESTION: WILL THE SECRETARY AND ALLON BE DISCUSSING THIS MATTER?

ANSWER: YES. THIS MATTER WILL COME UP WHEN THEY MEET. UNQUOTE. ROBINSON

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